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## USDA/NASS RELEASES JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

### COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado **corn** producers planted 1,350,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 1,210,000 acres for grain up from the 990,000 acres harvested in 2009. This is an increase of 22 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 23 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 210,000 acres, increased 17 percent from the previous year but acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 140,000, decreased 7 percent. **Winter wheat** producers planted 2,450,000 acres down from 2,600,000 acres planted the previous year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 2,300,000 acres. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 28,000 acres, are 2,000 acres less than a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 27,000 acres, down from 29,000 last year. **Oat** seedings are down 22 percent from last year to 47,000 acres and producers plan to harvest 5,000 acres for grain, down from 9,000 acres in 2009. **Barley** planted area, at 70,000 acres, is down 10 percent from last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 67,000, are 13 percent below 2009. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 190,000 acres this year, up 12 percent from 2009. **All hay** area to be harvested is expected to increase 20,000 acres from a year ago to 1,620,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** acreage is expected to decrease 10,000 from last year to 840,000 acres. **All other hay** acreage harvested is expected to increase 30,000 acres to 780,000 acres. **Sugarbeet** plantings decreased 6,100 acres from last year to 29,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 28,000 acres, is 7,000 acres below last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 55,000, are down 4 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 51,000. **All sunflower** planted area, at 115,000 acres, is 24,000 acres above last year. Oil type varieties totaled 80,000 acres, up 10,000 while non-oil type varieties are set at 35,000 acres, up 14,000. **Summer potatoes** showed a 3 percent increase in planted acres to 4,100 with the expected harvested acreage set at 4,000 acres.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

The 2010 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.9 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. The largest increases in planted acreage compared to last year are reported in Illinois and Kansas, both up 600,000 acres from 2009. Other notable increases were shown in Indiana, up 400,000 acres; Missouri, up 300,000 acres; and Ohio, up 250,000 acres. The largest decrease in planted acreage is reported in Iowa, down 400,000 acres, while both Nebraska and South Dakota are down 350,000 acres from the previous year.

The 2010 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009 but up slightly from the previous estimate. Lower prices and the late row crop harvest contributed to the decrease. This is the lowest United States total since 1970 and record lows are estimated in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio. Winter wheat seeded in Kansas is down 700,000 acres, 8 percent below 2009 and the lowest planted acres since 1957. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite large decreases in planted acres, harvested acres in Oklahoma and Texas are up 400,000 and 1.1 million acres, respectively, as both States have experienced more favorable growing conditions than a year ago. As of June 13, harvest was 9 percent complete in the major winter wheat-producing States, 3 points below the 5-year average.

Area planted to other spring wheat for 2010 is estimated at 13.9 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Of the total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Planted acreage is above last year's level in all States except Colorado, South Dakota, and Washington. The largest acreage increases are in Montana and North Dakota, up 400,000 and 250,000 acres, respectively. Grain area is expected to total 13.6 million acres, 5 percent above 2009. Crop development was delayed during June by wet weather. As of June 13, the percent of crop emerged in the six major spring wheat-producing States had fallen slightly behind the 5-year average.

Area planted to sorghum in 2010 is estimated at 6.00 million acres, down 10 percent from 2009. Area to be harvested for grain is forecast at 5.18 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. Producers in Kansas and Texas planted 2.40 million acres in each State, down 11 percent from 2009.

Area seeded to oats for the 2010 crop year totaled 3.18 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year and the lowest on record. Area seeded to oats decreased or remained unchanged in all but five of the 31 estimating States. The largest decreases in seeded acreage occurred in North Dakota and Texas, with a reduction of 80,000 and 50,000 acres, respectively. Modest increases in seeded acreage are expected in Indiana, Ohio, Maine, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

Proso millet planted area for 2010 is estimated at 385,000 acres, up 35,000 acres from last year's total. Colorado and South Dakota growers increased planted acreage in 2010 by 20,000 acres and 15,000 acres, respectively. Nebraska growers planted 95,000 acres in 2010, equaling the amount planted in 2009.

Producers intend to harvest 59.7 million acres of all hay in 2010, down slightly from 2009. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 20.7 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2009. Expected area for harvest for all other types of hay totals 38.9 million acres, up 1 percent from 2009. Acreage for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is expected to decrease or remain unchanged from last year in all estimating States except Arizona, Montana, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Utah. While Montana acreage is expected to increase 100,000, large decreases are expected in North Dakota and Minnesota, down 180,000 and 100,000 acres, respectively. Other States with decreases of 50,000 acres or more include California, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

The 2010 soybean planted area is estimated at 78.9 million acres, up 2 percent from 2009. Planted area increased from last year in 18 out of 31 States, and is the largest United States planted acreage on record. Area for harvest is forecast at 78.0 million acres, also up 2 percent from 2009, and will also be the largest on record, if realized.

Growers in the summer producing States planted an estimated 39,400 acres of potatoes this year, down 11 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 38,400 acres, 10 percent lower than 2009. The reduction in planted and harvested area is due primarily to the fact that California's summer potatoes are combined with spring potatoes beginning in 2010.